



Innocency modestly vindicated, and truth impartially, though
(but partly discovered) by Thomas Shadforth, Esquire, against
George Lilburne, Esquire.

For right information of all those who have perused a late false
Remonstrance by him the same George Lilburne
published, and assented under his hand.

Ad this great and zealous Pretenders Cause, been so good
and he himselfe so cleare, as his specious, but false and
turning *Insinuations* would make it and him, his Case be-
ing now stated, with witnesses examined, a faire way made
(and that by his owne *Petition*) for an impartiall hearing, he would
not offer (at least he would not need, in this by and uncouth way of
inveigling all the severall *Members* appointed for his Judges though
in vaine) to indeavour the *frustrating* of the greatest *Mors* of Justice
(for it was select and culled out of the whole on purpose) that ever
yet was in any particular mans cause, since this present *Parliament*
began; casting *darts* in the face (as much as in him lies) of 2 *Mem-*
ber thereof whose *integrity* is so known, and he so cleare as I should
wrong him in offering the least *Apology*, and therefore spare it: But
would have stood or falne, according to the *allegata & Probata* of
his cause, and wholly relied on the *merits* thereof. as I my selfe shall
see on mine. (prosecured with much more *malice*, and as I doubt
not the *ff.* & will make appere, much lesse truth, and meerely u-
pon private spleene) yet in soe doing he hath but beaten the *Winds*,
the *Rocks* his filly and mightlesse waves beat against, will neither be
worne nor moved with such impotent assaults, however left either
his *Accusations* and scurrilous *Aspersions* of my selfe and friends,
(friends of mine meerely because of and for the truth) or his owne

evasions may passe for current; amongst those who either through ~~new~~ knowledge or prejudice are strangers both to us, our cases and ends, I shall briefly, but very truly (so truly as I shall appear to the candid *leisure* and knowledge of our whole County, where all our *transactions, issues, and designs* are apparent) both offensively and defensively take up the *Buckler* against this *Goliath* of the peoples *Liberty* and *Idempnity*, *v. l. his owne dearly beloved selfe, and more dearly beloved Family*, and now *Mr. Lilburne* to your *Remembrance*.

How serviceable you have been in your *Generation* for *preservation* either of your *Nations Interest*, or indeed any other save your owne, your deare *brothers*, your kindreds and servants; let them speake that know it, for to any but your selfe, and those *Dissto deare friends*, it is a *Riddle*. But to your own and their Interest you have indeed (so *speake modestly*) bin no way wanting. Your own *injoyments* of *Four field worth three hundred pound per An. due and payable to a Delinquent*, without either account to that Delinquent, his wife or child; or indeed to the *State* in the least manner, for ought I know, for whose use it was sequestrable: your making use of *Mr. Henry Lambtons* Delinquency to force him to a Composition inconsiderable for Coles by you and your *Agent*, imbeisled and intended to be concealed both from him and the *State*, by which you gained some thousands: Your farming of Delinquents Lands, and Collyeries of very great value, by your selfe or your *Trustee shawers*, at very low and inconsiderable *Rates*, and yet paying all your *Rents in Items & impelmisses*, in or by such accounts as you pleased to make and allow of: For a great while you and your party swayed all the whole *County*, (and I believe it is both your greatest *griefe* and *anger* that you cannot do so still) to the oppressing of whom you pleased to call or make Delinquents, or cleare such as you *deigned* to cast a favourable *glance* upon: Your taking of goods, and disposing of them first, then making Delinquents of the owner, who upon *evidence* and full *bearing* being discharged, must either accept a third of the true *value* or lose all, as the *Lady Tempests* Case, to the very
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great *scandal* of the Parliament, who would have *Justice* done with *mercy*, not *violence* with *rigour* : The procuring your selfe and Agent *Husband* into the Commission for surveying of Bishops Lands, and by that receiving ten shilling *per d. em* whilst you for your particular sit at home in your shop vending your hard penny-worths of Soape and Rasins, unlesse when for recreation you were pleased (once perchance in two Months) to ride halfe a score of miles, and seeke at the Trustees Charges, and then knowing what particulars were ayme at, and by whom making so much as in you and your man *Husband* lay, the *rates* and *retournes* high or low, as your affection or malice dictated, though you failed of your purpose in Sunderland and Newbottle, come to a more worthy hand; but intended to your selfe as you Agent *Husband* within few dayes confessed. Your employing your private Nephew *Blacket*, and others of your kindred *Sequestrators*, who have by that means made their 1000 hundreds, accounting for goods worth some hundreds at under 20l. as in *Sir George Bakers Case*. Your brothers taking and buying much goods of that nature, never yet accounted for, as *M^r. P. his Place*, and the like will fully demonstrate that you have indeed been *serviceable* in, but not to your *Generation*.

Your opposing of *ship-money* (if any such) was probably an *inate disposition*, which you have *extraduce* of shewing what your selfe was not employed in, and yet making use of your *power* in this Parliament, you gained a considerable sum by forcing *Constables* then imployed to distrain for *ship money* to compound with you for feare of further trouble, as may be instanced in *Rich^d. Smith*, *Rob^t. Pattison*, *Ralph Holmes*, and seven or eight more. For Projects many of them you ever withstood, till the whole *Force* went against them. And for Bishops, you may call to minde it was a Bishop who first made you Right worshipful, and enabled you from *Mr. Humphry Wharions* finer, to sit upon the Bench as a Justice of Peace (no great signe of opposition as I take it) yet I confesse with our Clergy man you had some squabble about a *D.ctrine*, you under-

stood not, and with another you tell out, for revealing how grossly you abused him in a bargain of Coales under trust, full 6l. in 20l. Do not therefore thinke by your pretended blowing of the dust cast upon you to besmeare Mr. *John Blakiston*, he will appeare in his *splendor*, and I hope I shall in time make you appeare in your *Colours*, so right as beleve it if you strive to *absterge* (there I am quite with you for one of your hard words) you will but wash the *Bishop*. Onely let me tell you (by the way) it is a new and odde kinde of defence to Calumniate one of your Judges, who was as far from any such *indirect* and *underhand* procuring either of a false *Certificate*, or favourable *abatement* as you are from *truth* and *honesty*, and for Mr. *Coulston* and others, scandalously by you made his *Instruments* to that purpose, the truth of that will I doubt not appear upon his *Tryall* in the *Action* of the Case brought, or intended to be brought against you by him, for that grosse and false slandering of him in the execution of his office; but he is big enough to answer for himselfe. *Non ad me pertinet ole.*

To what purpose Mr. *Thomas Midfords* Certificate brings up the *Fan* of your impertinencies I confesse I understand, not; yet since it is crouded in, the *truth* of that story will very little advantage you (no more then the credit of your Certifier (who stands at this day legally indicted of) & the truth is this, that such information about *Papists* mustering, and riding Armed was given to the then Deputy Lieutenants, of whom the *Knights* named probably were two, is true, and a Letter procured as I verily beleve from the Honourable Speaker of the Parliament. It is as true that they instantly fell into inquiry and search of the truth of it, finding no colour for it, urged the informer to make prooffe of it, and after many fayevellings, they were ashamed to have taken such paines upon & from so triviall an information and informer: what honour this was to the cause and Parliament to abuse the Speaker and House so grossely and falsely, let the world Judge.

What power Judge *Heath* had to put any man out of *Commission* bot

or whether he did so or no, it concernes me not, neither will I dispute it, probably the Judgement hath been for some other matter, &c. from the Bench to plead to it; neither is it impossible, it is not the first time you were at the Barre you know it.

At the beginning of the Eule of *Newcastle Arraying* of men, you were so long present and acting with them, till some small distast of your not having equall respect or power made you petted as is beleevd, and sent you perchance privately into *Scotland*, you say you were there, and I will not gaine say it; but I am confident you see them in a posture likely to prevaile ere you stirred, and yet both went and returned so privately as you had a reserve, at least a design to make sure what side soever should prevaile. A *trick* which probably you had not forgot at their very last invasion, however you acted with such seeming *Iehu-like Zeale* against them, as even being out of *Commission* and *employment* (a thing you could never indure) you still drove on with the rest; who neither needed nor I beleve thanked you for that your double dilligence. I will tel you a short story. There was one T. C. your neighbour drove in those times beyond Seas by your violence: Warrants signed by you for Ataching him; it seemes he met with some friends about the then Princes Court in France, advised and encouraged him (upon hearing his case) to repaire back to his habitation, and do his service to you; he did so, met you on the Key, stood a volley of your frownes; at last accounted you with a private commends from the party you wot of, was dismissed, your Warrant recalled, and had not death prevented it, probably might still have lived quietly, for your Malignant Neighbour: *But dead men can tell no tales*; how-
 ever you know this is more then a vision: But to Scotland you went, and that by your Brother in Law Mr. *Levers* perswasion. It is strange his *opinions* should so soon alter as from an high Preacher and Practiser too, and all Tenents and Ceremonies (then even in their height) to fall to a *Classicall way*; but since you have bene both inspired, he with Dr. *Cosins* his fat living, and you with profit and employments.

At your returne, it seemes after (some small interruption by Baron Lyddall (a Baron by the way never heard of before) you used such meanes with Colonel Carnaby, as to have the *Earle of Newcastle* protection, and I doubt not it will appeare in the close of your Case that you did somwhat to deserve it. What your inggement was (for he was not very forward in admitting suspected men without inggement, as I have creditly heard) I will not take upon me to discover, time will doe it. Truth is, your play was alwayes to save stakes, and now you have run through Cavalier, ridged Presbyterian, Independent, and arrived at ——— and I doubt will never prove a Martyr, if yet there should be a further Gradation or Charge.

You were indeed made a *Prisoner* and ill used, and I believe (the Cause on the other side being almost desperate) did no little Glory in it: For any losse in your estate I wonder you are not ashamed to allege it: Your best things were conveyed safe to *Scarborough*, and nothing considerable of the rest lost, I could name you friends on the other party, who did protect and conceale them.

What courtifies Mr. *Ralph Lambion* did for you, I know not, but I believe your arresting him without Cause, was but a means requitall, examine him to that point too. It is not denied you were imprisoned and exchanged, you lost nothing by the bargain, nor by your dearely beloved employment in the Committee of Sequestrations, a place it seemes you are loth to part with, by you so often desiring to continue in it. I know not whether the *States* will owe *John Husband* for their Adventure, sure I am he was yours, and meely instrumentall in that frivolous pretended Charge against me, contrived by your selfe and party, and managed by him according to your directions: that good man somewhat elysed since, sayd that this *Parliament* had sit too long, and he see corruption in that Court as well as others, we will have it dissolved and another *Parliament* chosen, and that he would joyne with the *Souldiers* in disliking of it, and assure himselfe, when the cries of *Widowes*

dowes and Fatherlesse, and others wronged by him shall appeare, he shall hardly escape justice. But the truth is, the envy grew on your side against me, (who ought you none) I durst not with you & your brother go so high as make Orders against verdicts in law, as in *John Adamsons Case*, or declare you were in a power above Law, as in *Mr. William Powers*. I never held it fitting to sit as Judge & Accuser, nor to vote a *Gentleman* a Delinquent in *October*, and after in *February* to prosecute and make him so by your endeavours and Oaths: Nor crosse an Order of Lords and Commons of Sequestrations in denying a fifth part where it was allotted, and giving no other reason, but *it is my pleasure and it shall be so*, as your Brother of late did in another business: I went according to the *Dictates* of my conscience *impartially*, and I hope justly.

What was done in the Business of the three Ministers, was by Ordinance of Parliament; It is strange how you knew by whom procured; however not one of the three have been convinced of or for *Malignancy*. The Charge you pretend against me you did indeed so imminently appeare in, as by your parties *meanes* and *power*, I then a *Committee man*, and suffered to act with you by Authority of Parliament for three yeares together, which you ought not to have done; but rather to have sequestred me (take your own words, with the clauses following in your Remonstrance most true against your selfe) at least an *English man*, was barred of hearing or seeing the Witnesses produced against me, kept forceably out by that your pretious Agent, whom I could touch narrowly, should I tell him that to have two Wives at once is *Felony*, or that *Mr. Stockdale* the Minister of *South Church* dyed of a wound he gave him in *Auckland*, with the Iron of his staffe under his eare; but these belong to another *Jurisdiction*: How consistent this was to a free borne English man to be barred of *Legal* exception to the *Witnesses* produced against him, or to make his defence against; what was sayd against him, I will not determine.

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Use long and impertinent Story of Mr. Blackston, and his wives solicitations and transgressions, with you and others about the Surveigh; as it is most false, scandalous, and unbecomable, so it is nothing at all either to your defence or my charge, but only in *Abundance* you know always something. *Sticks*: It had been proper to have made a Legal Charge against the Gentleman, to which he might have answered; but it concerns him one I doubt not in due time both can, and will right himself, though his fellow Members (equally all engaged in the scandal of one) would (as I hope they will not) pique it over.

Are your Crimes of seven years standing? Pray what are those you so eminently appear in against me? but for my part if they be true, I will never quarell this in the Month, or stand upon their Age. However yours had not been thrusting in dispatching had not your party been so potent that we could not have hoped for Justice, till we got a man both of Worth and Honour amongst us; who without partiality durst and would do right against the Greatest and for the Meanest.

And is not a word of your Charge proved to this day? Let the event Judge of the truth or falsity; of that I hope enough is proved to put off your *Exemption*, though not the true part of what may; if Commissions be issued into the County, and men not abashed or persuaded from speaking their conscience.

As you are not carefull what to answer; so I think you are careless what you say so many impertinencies, so little truth; so much malice and shewing of teeth where you cannot bite, were never crowded into so innocent letters as these.

You fear not Justice, you beg not Mercy. truly I wish you both, and am confident you will stand in need of the last of them. Your opposition in all mens opinion has been no less; but nor your self proclaimed it; you know who it was, cast up his eyes and cried, *Lord I thank thee I am not like this Puritan, &c.* Neither will your innocency shine any brighter by your making it a blazing star, probably a falling one. You are bold indeed to say you will do so in spite of Mr. Blackston's Complices, who never thought you worthy of his envy, nor yet dotes of his revenge. He hath not such Complices as one of your prime ones, who both in his own, and other mens Cases hath been ready for any Instructions, which made him tell an Agent of his, *God be for you more will do it, I will side Quaker*; and in another Case instruct his servant into an apparent perjury, almost to the ruine of a Gentleman.

In this your concluding resolution of asserting of reputation, having done it with so many improbable untruths, avoyding that *Scylla*, you have fallen into a worse *Caribdis*; and if you did not doubt (what you seem to be confident on) what need you pretend to obtrude a faire and legal tryall, or implicitly tax your Court by appealing to all rational men to be your Judges, or beg that Justice might take place, and Truth be manifest? which very thing in doubting, you do tacitly deny, or at least feign, which is to make up the rotall of spleens and causeless jealousies, in inducing the World to believe either that Mr. Blackston (on whom you would cast all your *Odium*) can lway be right, or that they are all as partiall as you would besmear him to be; but *Magnus est veritas & prevalet*.

FINIS.